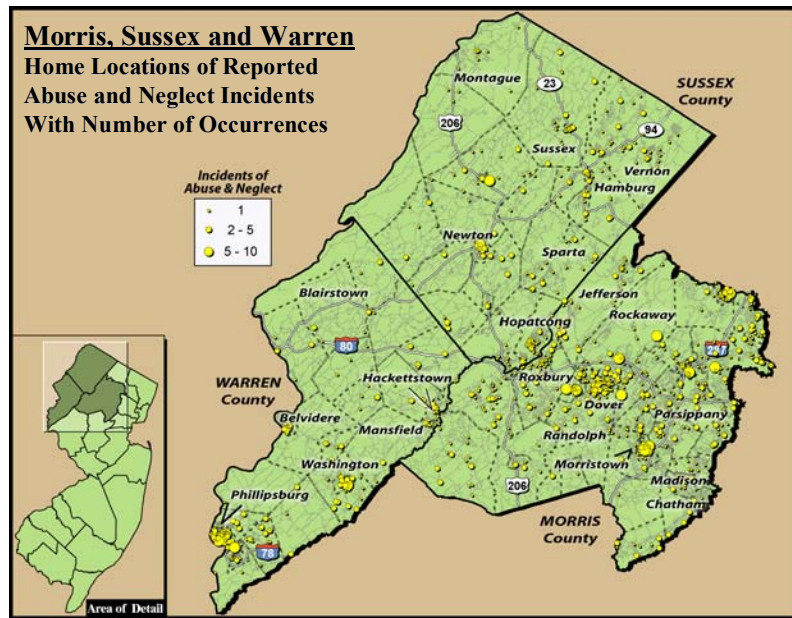


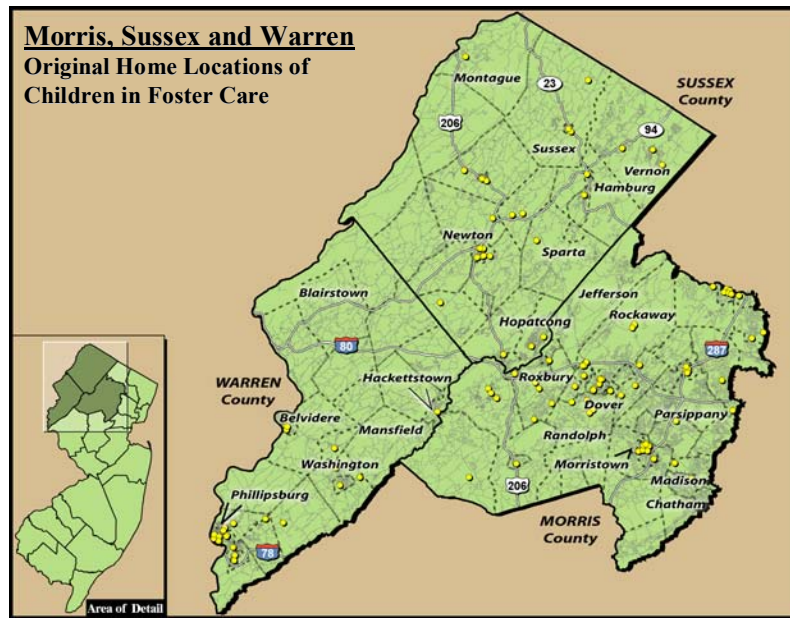
Slide 1



This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the three counties during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports for a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

In Sussex County, which ranked nineteenth in the state for abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (9.3 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Newton (66), Vernon (41) and Hopatcong (40). In Warren County, which ranked eighth in the state for alleged child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children (22.5 per 1,000), Phillipsburg (292), Washington Boro (59) and Hackettstown (30) had the highest numbers of alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect. In Morris County, where the allegations of child abuse and neglect (8.8 per 1,000) were below the statewide figure, alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect were clustered in Morristown (129), Dover (116) and Parsippany-Troy Hills Township (79).

Slide 2

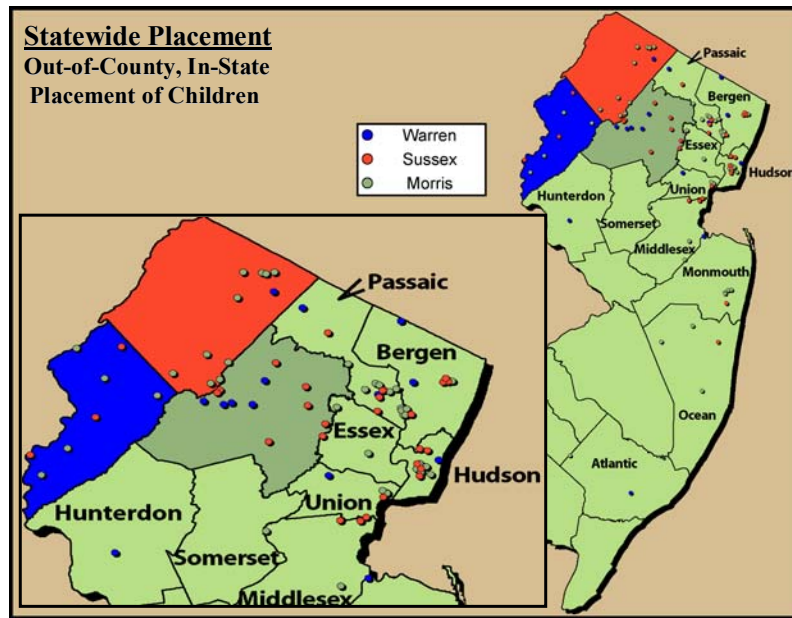


As of June 2003, a total of 227 children from Sussex, Warren and Morris counties are in foster care. More than half of these children (54.2 percent) are from Morris County (123), and more than one-third of the Morris County children (42) come from just two communities -- Morristown (25) and Dover (17). These communities led the county both in the number of reports of child abuse and neglect and the number of allegations that were substantiated in 2001.

In Warren County, 43 children are in foster care. Nearly two-thirds of those children (65.1 percent) come from Phillipsburg (28), which led the county in abuse/neglect allegations.

In Sussex County, 61 children are in foster care. Nearly one-third of these children come from Newton (20), the leader for abuse/neglect allegations in the county.

Slide 3



As of June 2003, slightly more than half (52 %) of the 227 children in foster care from these three counties have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. The majority of these children were placed in foster homes in North Jersey. Sussex County has the highest percentage of children placed in out-of-county foster homes (60.7 % or 37 children). It ranked fourth in the state for out-of-county placement. More than 60 percent of those out-of-county placements are in Morris (9), Passaic (9) or Hudson (5) counties. Warren County placed 42 percent (18) of its children in out-of-county foster homes. More than half (55.6%) of those children were placed in Bergen (2), Sussex (2), Passaic (2) and Morris (4) counties. In Morris County, a little over 50 percent (63 children) of the children entering foster care were placed out-of-county. Just over 40 percent of these children were placed in Bergen (8), Passaic (14) and Hudson (5) counties.